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TAGS: MARR, PFOR, UK, AV, SC, RQ

SUBJECT: DOG ISLAND -- TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

1. EMBASSY HAD CALL ON MORNING OF APRIL 10 FROM FCO OFFICIAL CONCERNING REPORT THAT COPAKEN WOULD BE COMING TO LONDON WITH GUMBS AND PUERTO RICANS ON WEEK OF APRIL 15 TO SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR DOG ISLAND. FCO OFFICIAL ASTONISHED TO HEAR THIS NEWS AND SAID FCO HAD CABLED BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO TRY AND GET SIGNING CEREMONY AT LEAST POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER U.S.-BRITISH TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. FCO DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO RECEIVE ANY PUERTO RICANS AT THIS TIME IN CONNECTION WITH DOG ISLAND AS THEY SAY IT WOULD NOT BE ONLY EMBARRASSING, BUT DISASTROUS. FCO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OWNERSHIP AND SOVEREIGNTY OVER ISLAND, AND THAT SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE PARAMOUNT.

2. CONCERNING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, FCO HAS ADVISED US THAT DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SIR DUNCAN WATSON WOULD CHAIR FIRST SESSION, WHICH WOULD BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL ASPECTS OF ANY AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS AID OFFER FOR ANGUILLANS. AFTERNOON WOULD BE DEVOTED TO MEETINGS BETWEEN TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES TO DEVELOP ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BEING GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT BY BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

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3. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT COPAKEN MAY BE CONSIDERING POSTPONING LEASE SIGNING CEREMONY TO WEEK AFTER NEXT. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION ON THAT POINT, AS WELL AS GENERAL QUESTION OF SIGNING OF LEASE IN LONDON. END COMMENT.

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